GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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MIGRATION OF RURAL PEOPLE
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are aware of the increasing migration of rural people to urban areas;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether growing unemployment is one such reasons; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to generate additional employment in the current plan period to stop such migration ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER O STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The reasons for migration are employment, education, movement of family, marriage, business and natural calamities like drought, flood etc.

(d): Citizens of India have the freedom to pursue a vocation in any part of the country. However, programmes for creation of employment opportunities in the rural areas and in the urban areas are implemented by Government to meet the needs of the people in the respective areas.